

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 DACCA 00914 230734Z

ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 PA-01 USIA-06 CU-02 PRS-01

CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 /037 W

-----230745 007788 /15/70

R 221013Z FEB 77

FM AMEMBASSY DACCA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3611

INFO AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

KRUMJDH/AMCONSUL HONGKONG 0737

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

USLO PEKING

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE DACCA 0914

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y ADD EO, TAGS, SUBJ

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS; PFOR, BG, CH

SUBJ: PING PONG DIPLOMACY IN BANGLADES

1. AN ELEVEN-MEMBER CHINESE YOUTH TABLE TENNIS TEAM CONCLUDED A WEEK-LONG EXHIBITION TOUR OF BANGLADESH FEBRUARY 18. DURING THEIR STAY IN THE COUNTRY, THE TEAM CONDUCTED SEVERAL WORKSHOPS AND PLAYED FOUR MATCHES AGAINST BANGLADESH TEAMS IN DACCA AND CHITTAGONG. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS, "THE VISITORS, WITH THEIR ARTFUL MASTERY, SUPERIOR TECHNIQUE AND SKILL, COMPLETELY OUTPLAYED THEIR OPPONENTS IN ALL THE MATCHES."

2. THE TEAMS ARRIVAL AND PLAYING SCHEDULE WERE WIDELY PUBLICIZED ON COLORFUL POSTERS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. THE LEADER OF THE DELEGATION, MR. WANG WEN-CHUNG, SAID AT A RECEPTION: "THE VISIT WAS NOT MEANT MERELY FOR COMPETITION, BUT ALSO FOR PROMOTING THE EXISTING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 DACCA 00914 230734Z

BANGLADESH AND CHINA." AT WEEK'S END, THE CHINESE TEAM WAS SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHINESE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES MOU PING.

3. COMMENT: THE VISIT OF THE TABLE TENNIS TEAM IS NO DOUBT THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF BANGLADESH-CHINA CULTURAL AND SPORTING EXCHANGES, AN OUTGROWTH OF GENERAL ZIA'S RECENT

TRIP. THE TEAM, NOW IN KARACHI, SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN
WELL RECEIVED HERE AND THE BANGLADESHIS MAY HAVE GAINED A
NEW APPRECIATION FOR THINGS CHINESE, JUDGING FROM THE PHOTOS
IN THE LOCAL PRESS OF SEVERAL COMELY CHINESE MAIDENS ON
THE TEAM.
MASTERS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ATHLETIC PRESENTATIONS, GOODWILL VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 22-Feb-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977DACCA00914
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770087-0395, D770062-0127
Format: TEL
From: DACCA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770222/aaaaatmh.tel
Line Count: 68
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 6e43f2c3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 18-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3268083
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PING PONG DIPLOMACY IN BANGLADES
TAGS: PFOR, OEXC, SCUL, CH, BG
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/6e43f2c3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009